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SUBJECT: CONSULTANCY OF BENT WERBELL TO HKG

1. COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS PETER LEE, ACCOMPANIED BY BENT WERBELL, MET WITH DPO AND NARCOTICS ACTION OFFICER ON MAY 20. DURING WERBELL'S DISCUSSION OF THE ADDICT REGISTRY PROJECT, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEM AREAS HAS TAKEN MUCH MORE TIME THAN EXPECTED. WERBELL NOTED THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO PROCEED BEYOND THE BASIC DESIGN STATE WITHIN THE ORIGINALLY ALLOTTED TEN WORK WEEKS.

2. LEE FEELS STRONGLY THAT, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT BASIC BENEFIT IS DERIVED FROM THE PROJECT, THE PROJECT SHOULD PROCEED TO AT LEAST THE DETAILED DESIGN PHASE UNDER WERBELL'S DIRECT GUIDANCE. THE DANGER EXISTS, ACCORDING TO LEE, THAT IF ONLY RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE, THEY WILL BE "PIGEON-HOLED" RATHER THAN IMPLEMENTED BY THE HKG ADMINISTRATIVE APPARTUS. LEE HAS REQUESTED THAT WERBELL'S CONSULTANCY BE EXTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 12 WORK WEEKS TO ALLOW THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

3. WERBELL POINTED OUT THAT HE HAS YET TO BE PAID HERE IN HONG KONG. HE HAS CONTACTED STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE, AND ALTHOUGH HE HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT HE WILL BE PAID, HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A CHECK. HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY

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HELP NIDA OR S/NM MIGHT PROVIDE.

4. WE SEE SOME ADVANTAGES IN USING WERBELL'S PRESENCE IN THIS AREA TO FAMILIARIZE HIM WITH THE PROBLEMS OF ADDICT REGISTRATION AT SOME OTHER POSTS, AND WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING HIM TO SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND. BOTH HKG AND CONGEN FEEL THAT THE PROBLEM OF ADEQUATE ADDICT REGISTRIES IN THESE COUNTRIES WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED AS WELL AS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VARIOUS COUNTRY ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS AND THEIR NEED FOR US ASSISTANCE. A TOUR TOTALING TEN DAYS SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. WERBELL WILL BE CONTACTING S/NM AND NIDA WITH DETAILS OF HIS REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF HIS CONSULTANCY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A REPLY ASAP REGARDING PAYMENT OF HIS FEE HOWEVER.  
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